



ZOMBIE INSTRUCTORS: A CAREER MADE FLESH

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Have you ever wanted to teach a class where your students couldn't talk back? Ever wanted a room full of trainees who didn't spend their entire time text messaging, surfing the internet or loudly gossiping about you? Haven't you spent your whole career just waiting for students who cared only about brains? Then we have the career for you!

Zombies are the previously deceased who have returned to life in the form of the undead. Which can be handy when your great-uncle forgot to tell you where he stashed his fortune before casting off his mortal coil. Clinical symptoms include a discolouration around the eyes, open wounds and rotting flesh, with organs and bodily functions operating at minimal levels. So not a whole lot of difference for your great-uncle, who really wasn't at his best at the end there, was he?

It was originally thought that the best option was to arm yourself to the teeth, hit the zombies hard and then hit them harder the next time. For some reason, Americans were quite happy with this solution and adopted it enthusiastically. They did so before they actually had any zombies, but that's by the by.

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Fortunately, zombies were eventually integrated into society. So now the only thing we have to fear is all those over-enthusiastic Americans. And they've been able to learn basic skills (the zombies, that is, not the Americans). But who can teach them? Zombie instructors, that's who!

Creating training programs to develop zombie instructors is complex, with almost conflicting knowledge, skills and behaviours. A zombie instructor isn't a friend or a parent or a manager. Instead, a zombie instructor has to ignore the special perfume of decaying flesh and be badass enough to play executioner if the zombie student is failing the course. Are you tough enough to handle it? (Applicants with experience with fifth graders may jump straight to the submission stage.)

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M A ZOMBIE?

Zombies are humans who have died, therefore ceasing their human identity and human rights associated with life. A zombie gains a new identity with its own code of rights.

HOW CAN ZOMBIES MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

Zombies in the workforce can only perform roles that

- provide limited face-to-face human contact;
- do not include any food or primary production or any manufacturing where there is the potential risk of human infection; and
- are not in health care or health-related fields.

Accepted zombie industries include

- infrastructure (roads, sewers, etc.);
- mining;
- waste disposal; and
- manufacturing.

Zombie law enforcement allows for the destruction of any zombies who

- pose a threat to human contamination;
- pose a threat to human life;

- no longer meet the physical requirements needed to perform work tasks; or
- no longer meet the cognitive requirements needed to perform work tasks.

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Zombie law enforcement must be performed by certified zombie instructors. They must be registered and certified and must comply with zombie laws.

Zombie cognitive ability allows zombies to understand basic instructions. There are no emotions, no cognizance of consequences and limited reasoning skills, depending on the length of time since infection.

In terms of zombie physical ability, due to the body being dead, there is no regeneration or healing of injuries. Loss of functionality occurs over time. Zombies must be at a certain level of physical ability to be able to work. This must be assessed on a monthly basis.

Zombies must wear full-body "wetsuits" that allow their rotting flesh to be covered from head to toe. This resolves issues regarding "walking dead body smell," body parts falling off and animals dining on the zombie's body. It would not do to have a zombie doing a garbage run being snacked on by dogs and feral cats looking for a nice meal.

Zombie rights allow only adult zombies to work. Zombie youth must register in zombie schools.

Considering these key assumptions, zombie instructors would have multiple roles:

- law enforcement and potential execution;
- trainer of the work/role; and
- assessor of the cognitive and physical abilities of the zombie as well as the competency in the work role.

KEY SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND BEHAVIOURS REQUIRED OF A ZOMBIE INSTRUCTOR

Looking for a calm, fulfilling career path in education? Don't even consider being a zombie instructor.

A career in zombie instruction could be one of the most dan-

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gerous careers an individual can have. There is a specific set of skills, knowledge and behaviours a zombie instructor must exhibit to be able to safely and effectively train and assess zombies for the workplace.

A zombie instructor must possess the following skills:

- familiarity with zombie-terminating weaponry, including but not limited to flame-throwers, shotguns, cricket bats and Dire Straits records;
- the ability to identify dangerous situations and react according to zombie enforcement and zombie/human rights laws;
- the ability to identify and evaluate zombie cognitive and physical capabilities according to zombie rights and role-specific requirements; and
- the ability to train zombies in the relevant work role assigned according to current zombie educational practices.

Knowledge a zombie instructor must possess includes:

- understanding of zombie physiology, characteristics, key behaviours and capabilities;
- zombie rights laws;
- zombie enforcement laws;
- Occupational Health and Safety for working with zombies;
- zombie educational practices;
- zombie public contamination procedures; and
- zombie instructor certification and registration requirements.

AVAILABLE ZOMBIE COURSES

Zombie Basics	Introduction to zombies. Dispels myths, urban legends, pop-culture beliefs; focuses on providing the facts regarding zombie history, physiology and characteristics.
Zombies and the Law	Covers zombie rights and zombie enforcement laws.

Zombie Educational Theory	Theory and practice regarding the education of zombies.
Zombie OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety for working with zombies. Includes methods for reducing the risk of public contamination as well as processes for dealing with public contamination incidents.
Weapons Handling	Use of weapons for the safe termination of zombies according to zombie rights and zombie enforcement laws.
Zombie Certifications	Contains assessments for weapons handling; zombie rights; zombie educational theory and practice; and zombie OH&S.

So why not sign up today? You'll be entering a dynamic field, full of interesting people (and non-people), with many opportunities for career advancement. Your students might moan a lot, but that's no different from any other educational field. And if one misbehaves in class, nobody will think worse of you if you behead him or her in a burst of righteous fury, which will make you the envy of regular teachers everywhere! So come out and do your bit for the undead: they need all the brains they can get....

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